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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF FOREIGN ENERGY PROGRAMS

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1. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES IN ENERGY FIELD APPEAR TO FOLLOW A PATTERN WHICH PLACES FIRST EMPHASIS ON PETROLEUM RESOURCES AND EXPLORATION, SECOND ON DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING CAPABILITY AND THIRD ON EXPLORATION AND RESEARCH INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES AS AN ENERGY SOURCE. DEEP COAL MINING AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES ALSO RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE R & D STAGES. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPLORATION FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES HAVE INCREASED INTEREST IN THIS ENERGY SOURCE BY MANY MEMBERS OF THE ENERGY-ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS IN GOVERNMENT. CONTINUED INDICATIONS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCOVERY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES SERVE TO MAINTAIN ROC INTEREST IN THIS ENERGY FORM AS FIRST PRIORITY.

2. BUDGETARY FIGURES FOR VARIOUS R & D PROGRAMS DIRECTED AT DIFFERENT ENERGY FORMS ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY A MEMBER OF THE ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE (EPC) THAT US\$1 MILLION WAS DEVOTED TO RESEARCH

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IN GEOTHERMAL SOURCES DURING FY76. IT IS EXPECTED THAT

THIS FIGURE WILL BE DOUBLED DURING FY77. THIS SAME
INDIVIDUAL HAS AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO ACQUIRE FURTHER
FIGURES AND THESE WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

3. RESPONSE TO REMAINING QUESTIONS IN THE REFERENCE TO
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